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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: Support for Resolution to Authorize Use of SEP Funds for RMP Projects

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members:

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board expresses its support for a State Water Resources Control Board resolution authorizing use of supplemental environmental project (SEP) funds for the Regional Monitoring Program projects within the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta (Delta RMP). The State Water Board's 2017 SEP Policy (section VIII.H) requires State Water Board approval if the Regional Water Board wishes to direct some SEP funds to an account used for Delta RMP projects.

SEP funds allocated for Delta RMP projects will be put to good use in accordance with a well-established and transparent process. The Delta RMP is governed by a clear charter and is implemented through a memorandum of understanding between the Regional Water Board and the Aquatic Science Center. The Delta RMP has a well-earned track-record for conducting sound science in response to thoroughly vetted management questions. Despite stable, core discharger funding, however, many important projects remain unfunded. SEP funds allocated for Delta RMP projects would be used for important, but unfunded, studies that dischargers would not otherwise be legally required to perform. This initiative is similar to, and follows the path set forth by, the RMP Resolution developed by the San Francisco Bay Regional Board that was adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board on 20 March 2018.

Sincerely,


Dr. Karl Longley
Chair


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